

# Expository Text Type Samples

Reptiles and amphibians do have a lot of similarities, and they are in fact distantly related, but there are a few primary distinguishing features which clearly separate the two. A reptile can be differentiated from an amphibian by using various physical characteristics as clues, as well as looking at the life stages of the animal. Most people can recognize common examples of amphibians such as frogs and newts, along with typical reptiles like snakes and crocodiles, even if they cannot always explain the difference between the two. Once you understand what separates a reptile from an amphibian, you will be able to readily recognize which type of animal you are looking at, handling, or discussing.

My most valuable possession is an old, slightly warped blond guitar – the first instrument I taught myself how to play. It's nothing fancy, just a Madeira folk guitar, all scuffed and scratched and finger-printed. At the top is a bramble of copper-wound strings, each one hooked through the eye of a silver tuning key. The strings are stretched down a long, slim neck, its frets tarnished, and the wood worn by years of fingers pressing chords and picking notes. The body of the Madeira is shaped like an enormous yellow pear, one that was slightly damaged in shipping. The blond wood has been chipped and gouged to gray, particularly where the pick guard fell off years ago. No, it's not a beautiful instrument, but it still lets me make music, and for that I will always treasure it.

One problem with the modern Olympics is that it has become very big and expensive to operate. The city or country that hosts the games often loses a lot of money. A stadium, pools, and playing fields must be built for the athletic events and housing is needed for the athletes who come from around the world. And all of these facilities are used for only 2 weeks! In 1984, Los Angeles solved these problems by charging a fee for companies who wanted to be official sponsors of the games. Companies like McDonald's paid a lot of money to be part of the Olympics. Many buildings that were already built in the Los Angeles area were also used. The Coliseum where the 1932 games were held was used again and many colleges and universities in the area became playing and living sites.

Chocolate cake with vanilla frosting provides a tasty treat for any occasion. Follow the directions for making any flavor of chocolate cake. While the cake bakes in the oven, prepare a box of vanilla frosting mix added with roasted and buttered almond slivers. Evenly coated in melted butter the almond slivers toast in a hot skillet for approximately ten minutes. Thoroughly toast the slivers without turning them crispy. Cool the toasted almonds and set aside a handful for the final touch. Fold the almonds into the vanilla frosting, and after covering the cake, sprinkle a handful of toasted almonds on the top. After serving this dessert to your guests they generally ask for the recipe of your chocolate/vanilla/almond cake. Now you have the opportunity to smile and ...

The ocean's delicate coral reefs are affected by changes caused by humans. To illustrate the affect think of dumping waste products and garbage in the sea results in changes in the natural environment. Due to these changes the ocean becomes polluted, and as a consequence, coral reefs are damaged. When the ocean becomes extensively polluted, coral reefs die.